

Right of Way

3e - Relocation Assistance

What is Relocation Assistance?

Sometimes land needed for a public project is occupied. In such instances, it may be necessary to displace the occupants, who may include individuals, families, businesses, farms, nonprofit organizations, or any personal property that is situated on the new right of way. Federal and State laws and regulations prescribe certain benefits and protections for persons displaced by public projects funded, at least in part, with federal money. Nebraska State Law covering Relocation Assistance, which closely follows the Uniform Act, needs to be followed even if there is no federal funding in any aspect of your project.

What is the process that LPA must follow?

An LPA's main responsibility in dealing with relocation assistance, early on in your project development, is to identify possible entities who will be required to move and will qualify for assistance. Then, be aware of the time it may take to accomplish those relocations, and build that time into your schedule. You are then ready to hire a relocation consultant and start coordinating your acquisition activities.